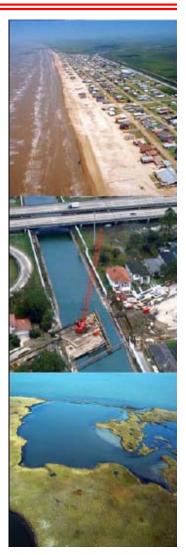


# Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Project (LACPR)





# Importance of Coastal Louisiana to the Nation



- Louisiana is a "working coast"
  - Strategic energy production and delivery corridor
  - Waterborne commerce gateway to the world
  - Vibrant commercial fisheries production grounds
  - Coastal ecosystem with diverse fish and wildlife
- Coastal restoration is integral to hurricane protection of Louisiana's "working coast"
- Unaddressed risk to coastal Louisiana equates to risk of disrupted goods and services to Nation





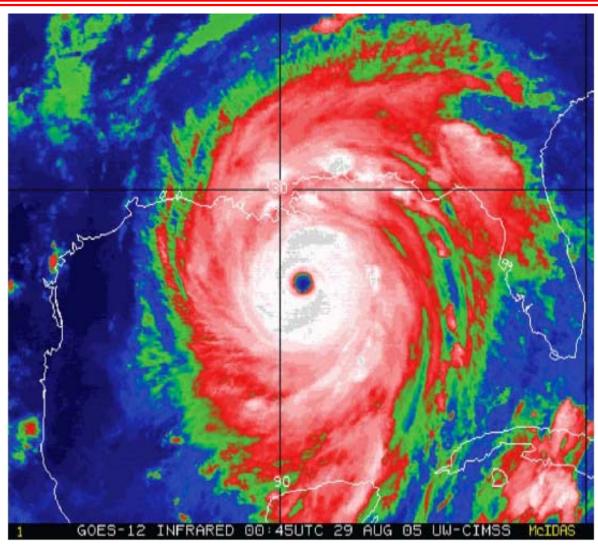




## Hurricanes Katrina & Rita







One Team: Communicating, Collaborating, Consensus







## Infrastructure







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## **Communities**







House on Hwy 82 at Grand Chenier







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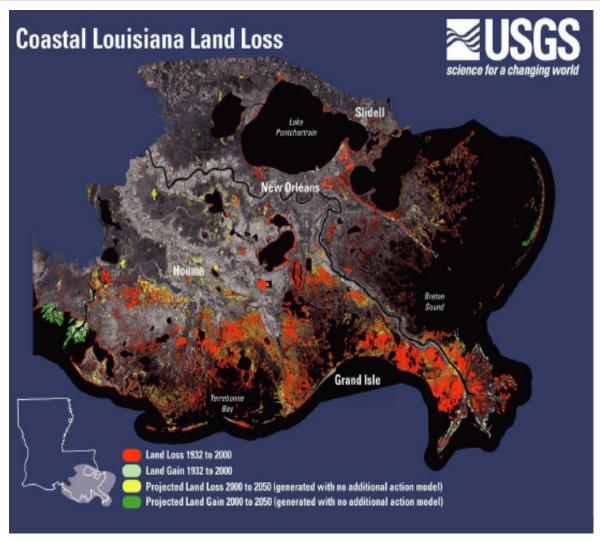




# Louisiana's Coast Before Hurricane Katrina







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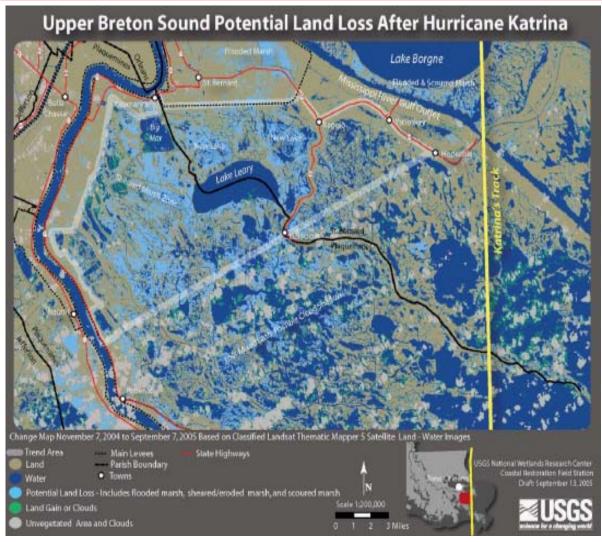




# Wetlands Losses Caused by Katrina







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#### **Congressional Direction Summary**



- Analysis and design exclusive of normal policy considerations of:
  - Category 5 equivalent comprehensive hurricane protection
  - Full range of measures for flood control,
     coastal restoration, and hurricane protection
- Coordinate with State of Louisiana and its agencies as non-Fed sponsor
- Preliminary Report to Congress
  - \$8 M effort
  - Due June 2006
- Final Technical Report
  - \$12 M effort
  - Due December 2007
- Submit reports on component areas for authorization as practicable

Source: Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2006 (P.L. 109-148), and Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2006 (P.L. 109-148), Chapter 3, Section 5009



#### State of Louisiana Master Plan Development



- Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) responsible for producing State Master Plan
  - Produce a comprehensive coastal protection plan combining hurricane protection and the protection, conservation, restoration, and enhancement of coastal features
  - Address short-term and long-range needs
  - Incorporate structural, management, and institutional components in planning
- CPRA partner with USACE in LACPR effort



#### **Coordinated Planning Efforts**

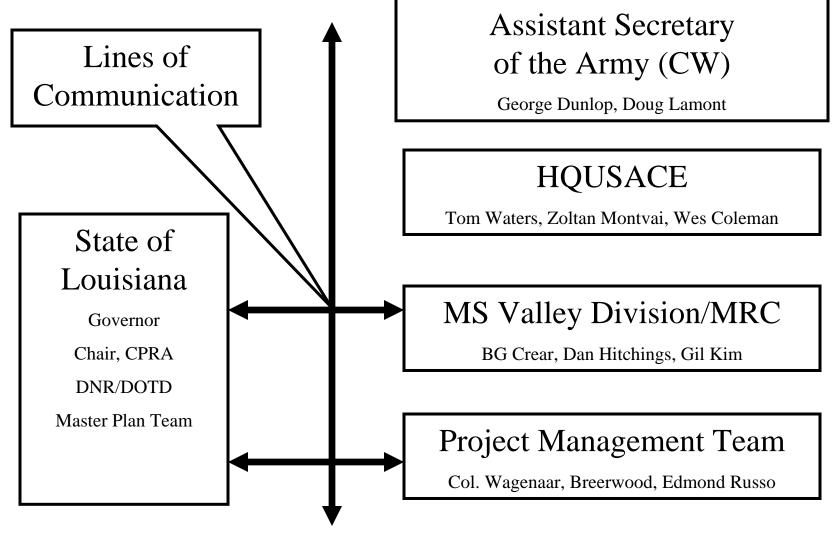


- Work of the USACE-CPRA is key to Louisiana recovery
  - Emergency response, unwatering, debris removal, structure repair, advance to completion, LACPR
- Multi-discipline broad organizational teams
  - CPRA, DNR, DOTD, DEQ, DWF, EPA, FWS, NOAA Fisheries, NOS, NWS, LSU, UNO, Tulane, Notre Dame, UNC, Dutch
- Strong public involvement
  - Workshops, public scoping, stakeholder forums
- Expedited planning to produce plans for construction
  - Technical analysis and design not feasibility study



#### **Vertical Team**

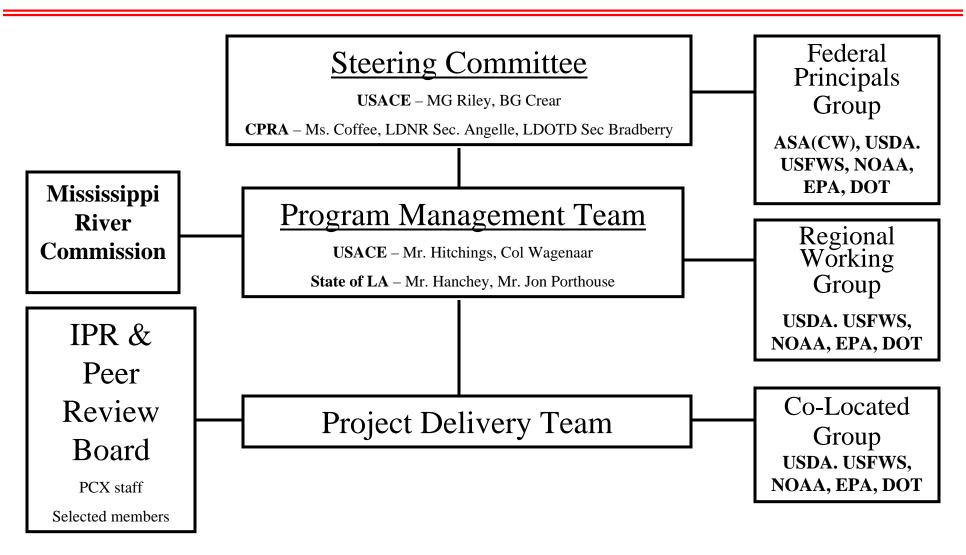






#### **Organizational Structure**







#### **Task and Team Development**



- Task design and team resourcing is a strategic enabler to project execution
- Routine task aspects
  - Existing methods tried and true that fit the need
  - Performed by practitioners
  - Spread across district staff and A/E resources
- Complex task aspects
  - Advanced methods used when required to answer difficult questions
  - Performed by specialists and technical experts
  - Performed by district staff, A/Es, and ERDC
- R&D task aspects
  - Exploration and origination of new methods, expansion/refinement of existing methods, and development of technologies for transfer and use in project development
  - Performed by technical experts
  - Conducted by ERDC and other laboratories



#### **Co-Leads Concept**



- Establish district interdisciplinary leads in collaboration with ERDC on PDT
- Collectively gain operational knowledge on stakeholder views and project context during development
- Exchange ideas on technical approaches between district and R&D environments
- Conceive, develop and execute advanced methods and technologies beneficial to project problem solving where existing approaches do not meet needs
- Continue co-lead relationships through project life cycle addressing needs adaptively to ensure maximum project performance and minimum project costs



# Federal/State Guiding Principles to Project Development

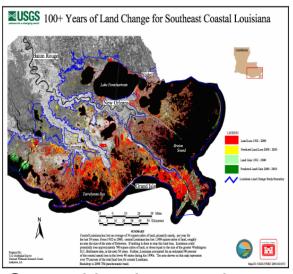


- Integrate coastal restoration, hurricane protection, flood control water resources planning objectives
- Unify Technical Reports with State Master Planning
- Closely coordinate with MS hurricane protection project
- Perform collaborative planning among agencies
- Involve and educate the public in project development
- Leverage best and brightest expertise in and outside government, nationally and abroad
- Conduct Independent Technical Review / External Peer Review
- Provide bi-weekly Vertical Team In-Progress Reviews



#### **Planning and Design Challenges**





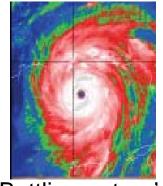
Coastal landscape change



Interconnected systems



Community recovery timelines



Battling nature's most powerful storms



Difficult engineering conditions



Innovative technologies



# LACPR Approach Developing A Risk Based Paradigm



- Former approaches relied on determination of net benefits and benefit to cost analysis
- New tools to inform policy decision makers
  - Advanced computer simulation modeling
  - IPET risk based framework
  - Inundation-reoccurrence maps to inform risk reduction
- Using probability and consequences scenarios to formulate and evaluate alternatives to assist decision making
- Levels, types, and locations of coast wide risk reduction to be identified commensurate to risk factors
- New risk-informed decision making approach will use quantitative risk assessment by including consequences to populations and assets



#### **Plan Formulation Overview**



- Integrate ongoing planning efforts (USACE, LRA, CPRA)
- Timetable reflecting all three efforts.
- Ensure all sources of information are included.
- Develop integrated, consensus-based solution.
- Approach adapted from established UK strategic coastal planning framework.
  - Halcrow, LTD
  - Coastal defense planning



#### Plan Formulation Overview



- Define strategy for coastal management through 100 years
- Avoid unintended long-term consequences of short term actions
- Recognize uncertainties
  - Build on certainties, e.g. sea level will rise, land will subside
  - Appropriate level of detail for long-term appraisals
- Assume present land use, excepting known changes
  - Plan will drive future development patterns, not be driven by them
- Regular review adaptive process management



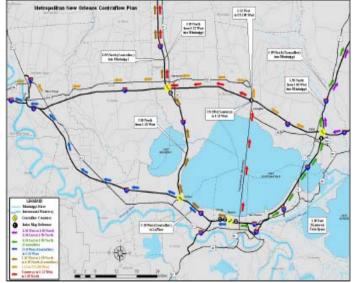
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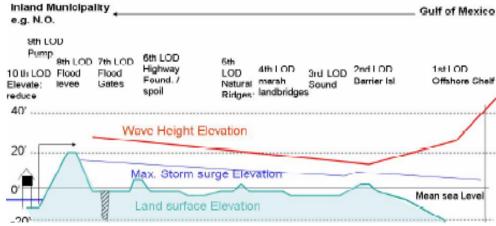




Community recovery and redevelopment plans



**Evacuation plans** 



Coastal lines of defense



Structural storm surge barriers



#### **Planning Units**

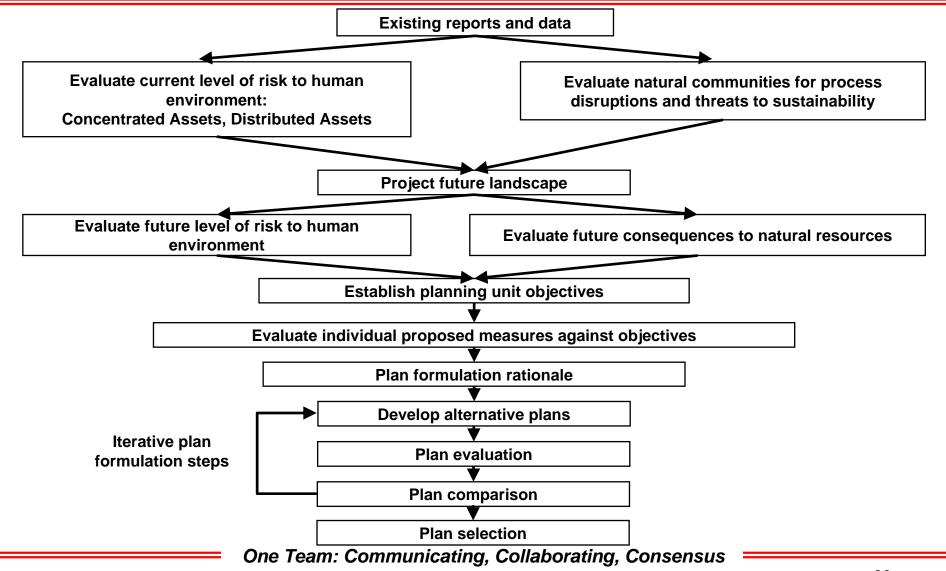






#### **Plan Formulation Process**







### **Early Identification of Plan Components**



"[The Chief of Engineers] ...may submit reports on component areas of the larger protection program for authorization as soon as practicable..."

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2006 (P.L. 109-148)

Once the framework is developed plan components or features may be identified for which accelerated planning and analysis appears to be justified. Such features would be those:

- That have a narrow range of technically feasible solutions
- For which more extensive study is not likely to significantly change problem solving approaches
- That would clearly be a component of the comprehensive system
- Are an independently functioning component for coastal protection and restoration
- Reduce risk for significant populations and assets
- Provide significant reduction in risk (greatly exceeding cost)

